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different fixed rate applicable to the extended maturity period, or we expressly amend the terms and conditions applicable to the extended maturity period.

(2) The Secretary's determination of rates of interest and savings bond redemption values is final and conclusive.

(c) *Announcement of fixed rate.* (1) The Secretary or the Secretary's designee will furnish a fixed rate of interest in announcements published each May 1 and November 1. The effective date of the rates will be the first day of the month of the announcement.

(2) If the regularly scheduled date for the announcement is a day when the Treasury is not open for business, then the Secretary will make the announcement on the next business day; however, the effective date of the rates remains the first day of the month of the announcement.

(3) The Secretary may announce rates at any other time.

(4) The most recently announced fixed rate applies only to bonds purchased during the six months following the announcement, or for any other period of time announced by the Secretary.

(d) *Monthly accruals.* Interest accrues on the first day of each month; that is, we add the interest earned on a bond during any given month to its value at the beginning of the following month. The accrued interest compounds semi-annually.

(e) *Interest penalty for Series EE bonds redeemed less than 5 years after issue date.* If you redeem a bond with an issue date of May 1, 2005, or thereafter, less than five years following the issue date, we reduce the overall earning period from the issue date by three months. However, the redemption value of a bond subject to the 3-month interest penalty shall not be reduced below the issue price. This penalty does not apply to bonds redeemed 5 years or more after the issue date.

(f) *Redemption value of Series EE bonds at original maturity—*(1) *Definitive bond.* At original maturity, the redemption value of a definitive bond shall not be less than the face amount/denomination of the bond.

(2) *Book-entry bond.* At original maturity, the redemption value of a book-entry bond shall not be less than double the purchase price of the bond.

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Subpart C—Definitive Series EE Savings Bonds

§ 351.40 What are the denominations and prices of definitive Series EE savings bonds?

We issue definitive bonds in denominations of \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000. The purchase price is one-half the amount of the denomination.

§ 351.41 When are definitive Series EE savings bonds validly issued?

A definitive bond is validly issued when it is registered as provided in 31 CFR part 353, and when it bears an issue date and the validation indicia of an authorized issuing agent.

§ 351.42 What is the issue date of a definitive Series EE savings bond?

The issue date of a definitive bond is the first day of the month in which an authorized issuing agent receives payment of the issue price.

§ 351.43 Are taxpayer identification numbers (TINs) required for the registration of definitive Series EE savings bonds?

The inscription of a definitive bond must include the TIN of the owner or first-named coowner. The TIN of the second-named coowner or beneficiary is not required but its inclusion is desirable. If the bond is being purchased as a gift or award and the owner's TIN is not known, the TIN of the purchaser must be included in the inscription on the bond.

§ 351.44 What amount of definitive Series EE savings bonds may I purchase per year?

The principal amount of definitive bonds that you may purchase in any calendar year is limited to \$30,000. See 31 CFR 353.10 and 353.11 of this Chapter for rules governing the computation of

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amounts and the special limitation for employee plans.

§ 351.45 What happens if I purchase definitive Series EE savings bonds in excess of the maximum annual amount?

If you have bonds issued during any one calendar year in excess of the prescribed maximum annual amount, we reserve the right to take any action we deem necessary to adjust the excess. You should obtain instructions for adjustment of the excess from us at the following address: email at savbonds@bpd.treas.gov, or writing to Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

§ 351.46 May I purchase definitive Series EE savings bonds over-the-counter?

You may purchase definitive bonds over-the-counter through any issuing agent qualified under 31 CFR part 317.² To purchase over-the-counter, you must submit a purchase application, along with payment in the amount of the issue price to an issuing agent. You may use any means of payment acceptable to the issuing agent. You may authorize purchases on a recurring basis in your application. The issuing agent bears the burden of collection and the risk of loss for non-collection or return of the payment.

§ 351.47 May I purchase definitive Series EE savings bonds through a payroll savings plan?

You may purchase definitive bonds in denominations of \$100 or higher through deductions from your pay if your employer maintains a payroll savings plan. An authorized issuing agent must issue the bonds.

§ 351.48 May I purchase definitive Series EE savings bonds through employee thrift, savings, vacation, and similar plans?

You may purchase bonds registered in the names of trustees of employee

plans in book-entry form in multiples of \$100 through a designated Federal Reserve Bank, after we have approved the plan as eligible for the special limitation under § 353.13 of this chapter.

§ 351.49 How are definitive Series EE savings bonds delivered?

We deliver definitive bonds by mail to your address. If your address is within the United States, its territories or possessions, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, we will deliver bonds at our risk. Bonds delivered elsewhere will be delivered at your risk; however, at our discretion, we may require delivery to an address within the United States, or refuse delivery to addresses in countries referred to in part 211 of this chapter.

§ 351.50 How is payment made when definitive Series EE savings bonds are redeemed?

(a) *Payment in general.* A financial institution qualified as a paying agent under the provisions of 31 CFR part 321 will pay the current redemption value of a definitive Series EE bond presented for payment. The bond must meet the requirements for payment specified in 31 CFR part 353. You must establish your identity and entitlement to redemption to the satisfaction of the agent, in accordance with our instructions and identification guidelines, and must sign and complete the request for payment.

(b) *Payment to beneficiary or legal representative.* A paying agent may, but is not required to, pay the current redemption value of a definitive Series EE savings bond upon the request of a beneficiary if he or she survives the owner, or a legal representative designated in the bond registration by name and capacity, or a court-appointed legal representative of the last-deceased registrant's estate provided:

(1) The bond is in order for payment; and

(2) The presenter establishes his or her identity to the satisfaction of the agent in accordance with our instructions and identification guidelines, and signs and completes the request for payment.

²However, an organization serving as an issuing agent because of its status as an employer or an organization operating an employer's payroll savings plan under § 317.2(c) may sell bonds only through payroll savings plans.